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IDENTIFYING PROGRAMMING
OBJECT ATTRIBUTES

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Sir:

This is in response to the Restriction Requirement of
July 15, 2004 in which the following three inventions were
identified:

Group I: claims 1-25, said to be drawn to a method for searching
programming objects by using optional search attributes to order
a list of reference.

Group II: claims 33-40, 55, and 56, said to be drawn to a method
for determining that object attributes that could be located
outside of a static attribute storage area.

Group III: claims 41-54, said to be drawn to steps of
instantiating and initializing a programming object based on the
unique identifier.

Applicants hereby elect Group III, claims 41-54.
Applicants note that although claim 56 was said to be drawn to

Group II, it is in fact part of Group III. Therefore, Applicants also elect claim 56 as part of Group III.

Applicants note that claims 26-32 were not placed in any of the Groups. If the Examiner believes that claims 26-32 form part of Group III, Applicants hereby elect those claims as well as claims 41-54 and 56. However, if the Examiner believes that claims 26-32 form part of Group I or Group II, Applicants request that the Examiner formally note this in the subsequent action.

Claims 1-25, 33-40 and 55 are hereby withdrawn.

The Director is authorized to charge any fee deficiency required by this paper or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-1123.

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